

## **Shellfish Stock Enhancement Project Update-7-7-05**

### **Project Update:**

*Marine Fisheries* has hired a Shellfish Restoration Biologist who will start full-time during FY-06. The first task will be to undertake habitat and shellfish stock assessments with the involved communities. Next, individual plans best suited to maximize each communities' needs, abilities and/or desires will be developed. The Request for Responses for individual or communal Shellfish Stock Enhancement projects will then be posted. Grant monies will be awarded competitively to communities that are dedicated to management and enhancement of their shellfish flats with involvement of the fishermen and/or communities.

Those Boston Harbor cities and towns with Shellfish Constables and a Shellfish Management Plan for Moderately Contaminated Areas with *Marine Fisheries* will receive priority consideration for the grant monies due to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), public health, and law enforcement concerns. The resulting proposed "Shellfish Restoration and Propagation Projects" will take place in Conditionally Restricted Areas in the "open" status as recommended by the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) and FDA per the NSSP Model Ordinance guide.